

subject matter presented therein.

Please amend Claims 1-8, 10, 13, 15-22, 24, 29-36, and 38-40 to read as follows. A marked-up copy of the amended claims, showing the changes made thereto, is attached.

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1. (Amended) An e-mail processing method comprising the steps of:  
identifying a type of each data included in a received e-mail, the received e-mail including a plurality of data; and  
determining whether each data included in the received e-mail is to be utilized, in accordance with the identified type of each data.

2. (Amended) A method according to Claim 1, further comprising the steps of:  
registering an arbitrary type of data in advance; and  
determining that a data is to be utilized, when the identified type of data coincides with the registered type of data.

3. (Amended) A method according to Claim 1, wherein, when it has been determined that a data is to be utilized, the data is preserved as a file.

4. (Amended) A method according to Claim 1, wherein, when it has been determined that a data is not to be utilized, the data is not preserved.

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5. (Amended) A method according to Claim 1, wherein, when it has been determined that a data is not to be utilized, the data is read and then abandoned.

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6. (Amended) A method according to Claim 5, wherein a presence of a data to be read and then abandoned is notified for external use.

7. (Amended) A method according to Claim 1, wherein, when it has been determined that a data is not to be utilized, reception of the data is interrupted.

8. (Amended) A method according to Claim 1, wherein a presence of a data that has been determined not to be utilized is notified for external use.

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10. (Amended) A method according to Claim 1, wherein, when it has been determined that a data is not to be utilized, a subsequent process is selectable from among a plurality of predetermined processes.

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13. (Amended) A method according to Claim 1, wherein identification of the type of data is performed by analyzing the received e-mail.

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15. (Amended) An e-mail processing apparatus comprising:  
type identification means for identifying a type of each data included in a

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received e-mail, the received e-mail including a plurality of data; and

determination means for determining whether each data included in the received e-mail is to be utilized, in accordance with the identified type of each data.

16. (Amended) An apparatus according to Claim 15, further comprising storage means for storing an arbitrary type of data, wherein said determination means determines that a data is to be utilized, when the identified type of data coincides with the stored type of data.

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17. (Amended) An apparatus according to Claim 15, further comprising preservation control means for preserving a data as a file, when said determination means determines that the data is to be utilized.

18. (Amended) An apparatus according to Claim 17, wherein, when said determination means determines that a data is not to be utilized, said preservation control means performs control so as not to preserve the data.

19. (Amended) An apparatus according to Claim 15, further comprising control means for performing control so as to read and then abandon a data, when said determination means determines that the data is not to be utilized.

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20. (Amended) An apparatus according to Claim 19, further comprising notification means for notifying, for external use, a presence of a data to be read and then abandoned.

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21. (Amended) An apparatus according to Claim 15, further comprising communication control means for performing control so as to interrupt reception of a data when said determination means determines that the data is not to be utilized.

22. (Amended) An apparatus according to Claim 15, further comprising notification means for notifying, for external use, a presence of a data that has been determined by said determination means not to be utilized.

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24. (Amended) An apparatus according to Claim 15, further comprising selection means for causing a subsequent process to be selectable from among a plurality of predetermined processes, when said determination means determines that a data is not to be utilized.

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29. (Amended) A computer-readable storage medium storing control software for implementing an e-mail process, the control software comprising:

a control program for identifying a type of each data included in a received e-mail, the received e-mail including a plurality of data; and

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a control program for determining whether not the received e-mail is to be utilized, in accordance with the identified type of each data.

30. (Amended) A storage medium according to Claim 29, wherein the control software further comprises:

a control program for reading a type of data, which has been registered in advance in a memory; and

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a control program for determining that a data is to be utilized, when the identified type of data coincides with the read type of data.

31. (Amended) A storage medium according to Claim 29, wherein the control software further comprises a control program for preserving a data as a file, when it has been determined that the data is to be utilized.

32. (Amended) A storage medium according to Claim 29, wherein the control software further comprises a control program for performing control so as not to preserve a data, when it has been determined that the data is not to be utilized.

33. (Amended) A storage medium according to Claim 29, wherein the control software further comprises a control program for performing control so as to read and then abandon a data, when it has been determined that the data is not to be utilized.

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34. (Amended) A storage medium according to Claim 33, wherein the control software further comprises a control program for notifying, for external use, a presence of a data to be read and then abandoned.

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35. (Amended) A storage medium according to Claim 29, wherein the control software further comprises a control program for interrupting reception of a data, when it has been determined that the data is not to be utilized.

36. (Amended) A storage medium according to Claim 29, wherein the control software further comprises a control program for notifying, for external use, a presence of a data that has been determined not to be utilized.

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38. (Amended) A storage medium according to Claim 29, wherein the control software further comprises a control program for causing a subsequent process to be selectable from among a plurality of predetermined processes, when it has been determined that a data is not to be utilized.

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39. (Amended) A storage medium according to Claim 29, wherein the control software further comprises a control program for identifying the type of data by analyzing the received e-mail.